

If the large communications companies are threatened by XM, maybe they should take the hint that it's time to make a change!!! I can listen to the same 30 songs on at least 5 different stations in my town. I'm sick of hearing the same old thing day in and day out. Even the so-called "oldies" stations have a 40-song playlist. DJ's talk all over the beginning of a song just to get their call letters on the air one more time or the annoying ad I've heard a hundred times. Talk about frustration! Because one communications company owns 75% of the stations in this town, they ALL sound the same. At least with XM, if I want to listen to something different, I can. I pay for the ability to have variety, for the same reason I BUY cable instead of watching network TV.

A few things the local radio stations could work on:

I just love how you can find a commercial on every station in your area at the same time! I understand the need to pay for airtime, but try playing more than 2 songs between 3:00 minute sets of commercials.

Led Zeppelin, while cool, was NOT the only band of the seventies. I'm sure the guy requesting all the songs doesn't listen to 4 different stations at a time. But somehow that's how many stations play the same Zeppelin songs.

Quit blabbing all over the music. If I wanted to hear people talk, I'd listen to AM.

Local radio is catering to the needs of their advertisers and not to their listenership. I am sure that for every total hour there must be 25-30 minutes of advertising. I listen to the radio for music, not Big Bobs Car Mart blasting away at the low price of a Ford Escort GT with 140,000 miles and payments of \$0.99 a month. XM has brought uninterrupted music to my home and vehicles. This is the United States of America and competition is what drives our economy. If broadcast radio cannot compete with the new technology, then they should figure out how or else they will end up like the eight track tape.

I believe that if a listener would like to hear a traffic report on XM, a service that the user has paid for, then they should be able to listen to the traffic report. It isn't unfair, It isn't biased, it is new technology with new advantages to the users. Do not ban XM or any other satellite providers from producing new features to its users.

Radio Stations need to take a long look at how they do business vs. the new competition. I bought XM because it suited my interests. I pay for the service. The FCC should not limit me from hearing what I paid for.